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Applicant	Hartmut Boche
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Title of Application:	Medical Instrument With A Non-Contact Readable Data Carrier
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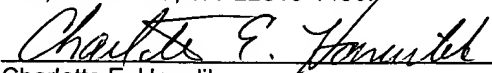
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Preliminary Amendment

Applicant herewith presents its amendment and remarks. Please amend the claims as detailed below.

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